

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 9, 10, 12, 15-17 and 23 are amended.

Claims 8 and 11 are canceled.

Claims 29 and 30 are new.

Claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12-30 remain in the application and are listed as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
identifying components associated with a first end point in an environment;
identifying components associated with a second end point in the environment;
determining whether any of the identified components are associated with both the first end point and the second end point;
identifying relationships between the first end point, the second end point, and any components associated with both the first end point and the second end point; and
displaying the relationships by, in part, displaying a social context associated with the first end point and a second context associated with the second end point.

2. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the environment is a social environment.

3. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising receiving a request to identify relationships between the first end point and the second end point.

1 4. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein determining
2 whether any of the identified components are associated with both the first end
3 point and the second end point includes determining a path strength for each path
4 between the first end point and the second end point.

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6 5. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein determining
7 whether any of the identified components are associated with both the first end
8 point and the second end point includes:

9 determining a path strength for each path between the first end point and
10 the second end point; and

11 ranking the paths between the first end point and the second end point
12 based on path strength.

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14 6. (Original) A method as recited in claim 5 further comprising
15 ignoring paths having a path strength below a predetermined threshold.

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17 7. (Original) A method as recited in claim 5 wherein identifying
18 relationships includes identifying only the top ranked paths between the first end
19 point and the second end point.

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21 8. (Canceled).

1 9. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 8 1 wherein
2 displaying the relationships includes displaying information regarding at least one
3 component.

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5 10. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 8 1 wherein
6 displaying the relationships includes displaying information regarding at least one
7 link between components.

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9 11. (Canceled).

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11 12. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 8 1 wherein
12 displaying the relationships includes:

13 displaying the first end point;

14 displaying the second end point; and

15 displaying at least one common component associated with the first end
16 point and the second end point.

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18 13. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising:

19 displaying a common component associated with the first end point and the
20 second end point;

21 displaying at least one link between the common component and the first
22 end point; and

23 displaying at least one link between the common component and the second
24 end point.
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14. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising:

displaying the first end point;

displaying the second end point;

displaying components associated with the first end point; and

displaying components associated with the second end point.

15. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable storage memories containing a computer program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim 1.

16. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

displaying a first end point;

displaying components associated with the first end point;

displaying a second end point;

displaying components associated with the second end point;

displaying a common component associated with the first end point and the second end point;

displaying a link between the common component and the first end point;
and

displaying a link between the common component and the second end point; and

determining a path strength associated with the common component by, at least in part,;

determining a first link strength for the link between the common component and the first end point;

1 determining a second link strength for the link between the common
2 component and the second end point; and

3 calculating the path strength based at least in part on the first link
4 strength and the second link strength.

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6 17. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 16 further
7 comprising:

8 ~~determining a path strength associated with the common component; and~~
9 preventing the display of the common component if the path strength is
10 below a threshold.

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12 18. (Original) A method as recited in claim 16 further comprising:
13 displaying a second common component associated with the first end point
14 and the second end point;

15 displaying a link between the second common component and the first end
16 point; and

17 displaying a link between the second common component and the second
18 end point.

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20 19. (Original) A method as recited in claim 16 further comprising
21 displaying a second link between the common component and the first end point.

1 20. (Original) A method as recited in claim 19 further comprising:
2 determining a strongest link between the common component and the first
3 end point; and
4 highlighting the strongest link between the common component and the
5 first end point.

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7 21. (Original) A method as recited in claim 16 further comprising:
8 displaying a second link between the common component and the first
9 endpoint; and
10 displaying a second link between the common component and the second
11 end point.

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13 22. (Original) One or more computer-readable memories containing a
14 computer program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited
15 in claim 16.

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17 23. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable storage media
18 having stored thereon a computer program that, when executed by one or more
19 processors, causes the one or more processors to:

20 display a first end point in a social network and a social context associated
21 with the first end point;

22 display a second end point in a social network and a social context
23 associated with the second end point;

24 identify a common component associated with the first end point and the
25 second end point;

1 display the common component associated with the first end point and the
2 second end point;

3 display a link between the common component and the first end point; and
4 display a link between the common component and the second end point.
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7 24. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim
8 23 wherein the one or more processors further determine a path strength associated
9 with the common component and prevent display of the common component if the
10 path strength is below a threshold.
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12 25. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim
13 23 wherein the one or more processors further display a second link between the
14 common component and the first end point.
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16 26. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim
17 23 wherein the one or more processors further display a second link between the
18 common component and the first end point and display a second link between the
19 common component and the second end point.
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21 27. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim
22 23 wherein the one or more processors further identify a second common
23 component associated with the first end point and the second end point.
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1 28. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim
2 23 wherein the one or more processors further display the second common
3 component associated with the first end point and the second end point.
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5 29. (New) A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the path strength is
6 based at least in part on one or more link strengths, wherein individual link
7 strengths are associated with a link between one or both of:

8 the first end point and an identified component associated with both the
9 first end point and the second end point; or

10 the second end point and an identified component associated with both the
11 first end point and the second end point.
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13 30. (New) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein one or both of
14 identifying components associated with a first end point in an environment and
15 identifying components associated with a second end point in the environment are
16 performed at last in part by analyzing an organizational chart.
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